

the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol. **Page H8344**

Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2917, to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases. **Page H8344**

Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, and concur in the Senate amendments. **Pages H8344–45**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 4. **Page H8345**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Condemning the actions of the Russian Federation: H. Res. 758, amended, to strongly condemn the actions of the Russian Federation, under President Vladimir Putin, which has carried out a policy of aggression against neighboring countries aimed at political and economic domination. **Pages H8345–50**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:19 p.m. and reconvened at 9:39 p.m. **Page H8364**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8282.

Senate Referral: S. 2917 was held at the desk; S. 1237 was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources, Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H8364**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8310, H8310–11, H8311–12, H8342, H8343, and H8343–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TAKATA AIRBAG RUPTURES AND RECALLS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Takata Airbag Ruptures and Recalls”. Testimony was heard from David J. Friedman, Deputy

Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Future of the Children's Health Insurance Program”. Testimony was heard from Evelynne Baumrucker, Health Financing Analyst, Congressional Research Service; Alison Mitchell, Health Care Financing Analyst, Congressional Research Service; Carolyn Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Anne Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 917, the “Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from Representatives King of Iowa and Lofgren; Julie A. Robinson, Judge, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and a public witness.

TRANSFORMING FEDERAL SPENDING: IMPLEMENTING THE DIGITAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Transforming Federal Spending: Implementing the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act”. Testimony was heard from Senators Warner and Portman; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; David Mader, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, White House Office of Management and Budget; and David Lebryk, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

EXECUTIVE AMNESTY PREVENTION ACT OF 2014; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDESIGNATION OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES AS THE DANIEL K. INOUE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES; CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF ACT OF 2014; SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL, THE “EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2014”

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5759, the “Executive Amnesty Prevention Act of 2014”; S. 1847, to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security

Studies; H.R. 5781, the “California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014”; and Senate amendment to H.R. 3979, the “Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2014” [National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015]. The committee granted, by a record vote of 6–4, for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3979. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–58 modified by the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 5759. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also granted a closed rule for H.R. 5781. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 4, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services may insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the second session of the 113th Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of defense authorization measures for the fiscal year 2015. Testimony was heard from Chairman McKeon, Chairman Hastings of Washington, Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Smith of Washington, Coffman, Cole, Dent, McCollum, Van Hollen, Napolitano, Huffman, Valadao, Lofgren, and Gutierrez.

REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF TWO AUDITS OF THE NATIONAL ECOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY NETWORK

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Review of the Results of Two Audits of the National Ecological Observatory Network”. Testimony was heard from Allison Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Anita Bales, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency.

VA’S CAREGIVER PROGRAM: ASSESSING CURRENT PROSPECTS AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “VA’s Caregiver Program: Assessing Current Prospects and Future Possibilities”. Testimony was heard from Randall B. Williamson, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Maureen McCarthy, M.D., Deputy Chief, Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 2946, to provide improved water, sanitation, and hygiene programs for high priority developing countries, S. Res. 578, supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world’s poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, S. Res. 586, calling on the Government of Burma to develop a non-discriminatory and comprehensive solution that addresses Rakhine State’s needs for peace, security, harmony, and development under equitable and just application of the rule of law, H. Con. Res. 107, denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law, the nominations of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, Robert Francis Cekuta, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Jess Lippincott Bailly, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and Margaret Ann Uyebara, of